



## PRELIMINARY COMMENTS TO THE ZERO-DRAFT MINISTERIAL DECLARATION FOR THE 6<sup>a</sup> SESSION OF THE UNEA

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Chile wants to express its appreciation to Morocco's presidency of UNEA6 for the preparation of the zero-draft ministerial declaration. Our general opinion is that this zero-draft document is an excellent and comprehensive starting point to initiate discussions and negotiations.

There are some elements, which Chile fully supports in the text, such as:

- The consideration to the triple planetary crisis, with an emphasis on the development of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.
- The sense urgent to tackle climate action and particularly mitigation and adaptation.
- The reference to important international conferences as the 2023 UN Water Conference and the adoption of the agreement on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction.
- The commitment to urgently address our common and global environmental crisis
- The involvement with stakeholders and a specific paragraph on gender equality and the importance of empowerment of all women.

However, the text has some substantive topics that can be clarified in a better way, which will allow defining the scope and the level of ambition in the language. The amendments proposed are the following:

- A more explicit reference to the triple planetary crisis should be included. For example in number 3, replace "by the three planetary crises" for "*the triple planetary crises*".
- In the number 3, "...pollution, and emphasize the importance of integrated, science-based approaches as established in resolution 5/8, of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) that decided that a science and policy panel should be established, to further contribute to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution.

In number 4, an alternative text option to "including the establishment of a Loss and Damage Fund to support..." could be "*including the establishment of funding*

*arrangements for responding to loss and damage, including the provision of a Loss and Damage Fund to support...".*

- In number 5, in order to highlight the results of UNCLOS we suggest to move the following text to the beginning of the paragraph: *"the adoption of the agreement under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction"*.
- Chile further suggests adding content related to pollution (chemical and plastic) and highlight the results of recent COP, with the rationale of covering climate change, biodiversity and pollution in the ministerial declaration. We suggest adding paragraph 5 bis with the text *"We receive with appreciation the results achieved of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in 2023, with the adoption of the technical guidelines on plastic waste, the list of new chemicals recommended by the scientific subsidiary body and the compliance mechanism"*.
- In number 6 replace *"We note with great concern"* for *"We are strongly concerned by.."*
- In number 8, finish paragraph after it says *"the special needs and circumstances of the least greenhouse gas emitters and the most vulnerable"*. Therefore, we request to delete the examples since it says: *"in particular, Small Island... etc"*. Chile believes the examples given by the zero-draft are confusing and not coherent with the language adopted in the main MEAs.
- In number 8,
  - Eliminate the concept *"Knowledge-Based"*
  - letter a) add the concept *"fires"* in: *"or exacerbated by climate change, such as, **fires**, drought, famine, and flooding, recognizing..."*
  - letter b) replace *"combat"* with *"halt"*.
  - Letter b) add the word approach to the concept *"One Health": "One Health Approach"*
  - Add a bis to letter c) including the following call for action on chemical pollution: *Conform the Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution, which represents the possibility of making visible and proactively directing actions on pollution issues, in coordination and collaboration with international bodies operational in these matters.*
  - Letter d) include *"to enable that all countries reach a similar level of progress"* after *"during the Fifth International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM-5) held in September 2023"*.
  - Letter e), add the word *"Assessment"* to the concept *"disaster risk management"*



- In number 14, we are concerned that it might be premature to specifically mention the Pact for the Future as the outcome of the Future Summit. This point can be reviewed in upcoming drafts.